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US 5,264,103 corresponds to EP 0 537 761. US 2003/0159945 corresponds to EP 1 256 798. US 5,582,697 corresponds to EP 0 732 406. US 2004/0232009 corresponds to WO 03/034055.

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